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UNDER HEADLINE "RAMGOOLAM IN TOUCH WITH VORSTER" TANGOV

OWNED DAILY NEWS OF 24 JANUARY CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE:

BEGIN FULL TEXT:

1. THE RACIST REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS A STRONG PRESENCE IN  
MAURITIUS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SIR SEWOOSAGUR RAMGOOLAM IS CONSTANTLY

IN TOUCH WITH THE BOERS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE AMURITIN

MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM)

NDUGU PAUL BERENGER, SAID IN DAR ES SALAAM YESTERDAY.

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2. SPEAKING DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH THE "DAILY NEWS" NDUGU  
BERENGER, WHOS IS ON A TOUR OF AFRICAN AND INDIAN OCEAN CAPI-  
TALS TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY, FOLLOWING THE  
DECEMBER ELECTIONS IN WHICH HIS MOVEMENT WON MOST VOTES, SAID  
SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE WAS MOST FELT IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR.

3. FIRST AND FOREMOST THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE IS MOST FELT IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR. EVERY YEAR THERE IS A MAURITINA DELEGATION TO SOUTH AFRICA AND UNTIL 1974 THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME REQUESTED THAT IT BE HEADED BY A MINISTER AND IT WAS DONE.

4. THE MMM SECRETARY GENERAL, WHOSE MOVEMENT WON 34 SEATS OUT OF 70 WENT ON TO SAY THAT MAURITIUS HAS BEEN PAYING A POLITICAL PRICE OUT OF THE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IT GETS FROM SOUTH AFRICA IN TERMS OF TRADE.

5. "SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF OUR TEA EXPORTS", HE SAID. "GO TO SOUTH AFRICA AND THE CONTRACT IS RENEWED EVERY YEAR SO THAT MAURITIUS SHOULD TOE THE LINE AND KEEP ITS MOUTH SHUT".

6. APART FROM THIM THIS, HE SAID, THE COUNTRY DEPENDS HEAVILY ON IMPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA ESPECIALLY MECHANICAL APPLIANCES, CANNED FOODS; AND THE TOURIST INDUSTRY IS VIRTUALLY DEPENDENT ON SOUTH AFRICAN TOURIST.

7. NDUGU BERENGER ALSO SAID THAT HIS MOVEMENT INTENDS TO WREST POWER FROM THE RIGHT-WING COALITION GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR, AND PURSUE A POLICY OF, NON-ALIGNMENT AND PUSH THE IDEA OF MAKING THE INDIAN OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE - FREE FROM ANY MILITARY ENTANGLEMENTS.

8. THE MM'M INTERNAL POLICY IS BASED ON A SOCIALIST MANIFESTO WHICH INTENDS TO NARROW THE INCOMES GAP; NATIONALISATION; AND END DOMINATION OF THE ECONOMY BY A FEW INDIVIDUALS, HE  
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SAID.

9. NDUGU BERENGER IS TO MEET PART AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS BEFORE HE LEAVE FOR OTHER AFRICAN CAPITALS ON THURSDAY.  
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